## **ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**



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HB 2646: manslaughter; suicide assistance; violation Sponsor: Representative Weninger, LD 17 House Engrossed

## Overview

States a person who is 18 years or older commits manslaughter by intentionally providing advice or encouragement that a minor uses to commit suicide with the knowledge that the minor intends to commit suicide.

## **History**

Current statute states that a person commits manslaughter as a class 2 felony by:

- 1) Recklessly causing the death of another person;
- 2) Committing second-degree murder when the victim has reasonably provoked the person;
- 3) Intentionally providing the physical means another person uses to commit suicide while knowing the person intends to do it;
- 4) Being forced to commit second-degree murder under threat of deadly physical force on themselves or another person when a person would be unable to reasonably resist; and
- 5) Knowingly or recklessly causing the death of an unborn child by physical injury to the mother. (A.R.S. § 13-1103)

## **Provisions**

- 1. States a person who is 18 years or older commits manslaughter by intentionally providing advice or encouragement that a minor uses to commit suicide with the knowledge that the minor intends to commit suicide. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Contains technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1)

☐ Prop 105 (45 votes)	☐ Prop 108 (40 votes)	☐ Emergency (40 votes)	☐ Fiscal Note	

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